



## DO YOU KNOW ....

### What happens with the 10 Goal Rule?

The 10 Goal Rule is one of the AFL By-laws that encourages good sportsmanship and game spirit. By encouraging Coaches to appreciate that it serves no purpose to inflict massive losses on their opposition and actively encourage them to revert to experimenting with Players playing in different positions and to even-up the skill levels of the teams. The actioning of the 2+ rule is compulsory and helps to achieve this.

#### What is the Rule?

When the game score has a difference of 60 points, after the game has reached half time or three quarter time, then the game is officially over for scoring purposes. The game continues as scheduled with one difference, both coaches agree on a game strategy to implement the 2+ rule and do their best to equalize the ability of the teams for the remainder of the match.

Once the score reaches a 60 point difference, the scoreboard records the score at the time the scoring stopped (i.e. at half or three-quarter time), adjusted so that the trailing Team's score is retained, and the leading Team's score is recorded on the scoreboard at 60 points greater than the losing Team's score. No further scoring on the scoreboard is permitted.

+2 is achieved by the trailing Team fielding extra Players from their bench, where available or the opposition Coach must loan a Player or Players, or remove Players from the field. So, as a result the trailing Team must have 2 extra Players on the field for the remainder of the match. Further on field balance can include but is not limited to; Team position experimentation, Player rotations, Player sharing or moving to +3. Coach cooperation is the key to the success of this rule.

Non-compliance of the 2+ rule is an act of misconduct under the AFL Laws and carries consequences.

If the game has a 60 point difference at full time, the score is adjusted to show the trailing teams score with 60 point added to it to create winning teams score.

The Ten (10) Goal Equalisation rule does not apply during the finals series.